

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
July 17, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

Board Members present: Jon Stantz, Dean Bruce, and Michael Spinks

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Town Attorney Richard Lorenz, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge, and Chief Marshal Richard Foutch. Larry Parrish was absent.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the previous minutes as written. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Kerry Barnes spoke to the Board regarding the traffic on Hillside. He asked why the weight limit was not being enforced. Jon Stantz said there was nothing that could be done, except for enforcing the speed limit, during the construction.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Gwen Tucker reported on various projects they have been working on. She asked about adding two more benches to the Town's order so they would match. She will get with Cory Whitesell to see when these will be ordered. Construction began on State Road 43 for the sewer extension.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mike Spinks reported that a new revision for TIF 1 is being reviewed. Also, a representative from Harmony Housing will be at the next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch reported that he has been working with the Attorney on editing a couple of the ordinances to make the language clearer. He reported that they have been working on traffic since the construction started.

A discussion regarding the stop at Franklin and Main followed. INDOT has determined that it was not necessary. Dean Bruce would like to pursue it further, because their reasoning is not logical if their reason is for safety. He plans on sending a letter to an INDOT representative about the safety concerns we have.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish was absent.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

A resolution for reestablishing the Cumulative Funds was discussed. It is too late for this year, but next year the Town will take the lead for creating the resolutions.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

Nothing in report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz reminded the Board to take a look at the Rental Registration ordinance for discussion at the next meeting. He also said there will be a safety board meeting to be held prior to the next regular meeting on August 7th at 5 p.m.

He also asked the Board to adopt the Indiana Code for safety boards. This section states that the Town Board acts as the Safety Board, and the Town Attorney acts as the prosecutor, and decisions will be made in an executive session.

Jon Stantz made a motion to adopt Indiana Code 36-8-3-4. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Further discussion about traffic patterns took place.

In regards to the Downtown Streetscape project, Duke Energy will be changing the light pole by the Courthouse parking lot, and this is included in the contract.

The Community Crossroads grant application has been submitted.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Jon Stantz asked the Attorney to send a letter to the residents on Central regarding the parking of campers in the alley.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

/S/ JON STANTZ
Jon Stantz, President

/S/ DEAN BRUCE
Dean Bruce, Vice-President

/S/ MICHAEL SPINKS
Michael Spinks, Member

Attest /S/ CHERYL MOKE
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer